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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 99,096)

In the Application of: )  
Stanley T. Naudus et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/429,716 )  
Filing Date: October 29, 1999 )  
For: Apparatus and Method for Processing )  
Encrypted Packets in a Computer Network )  
Device )

Examiner: Chuong T. Ho  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 10, 2003**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2003, and with a one-month extension of time, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.